



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program  
**Project Implementation Committee**  
 Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
 Killian Room, ASPA International Trade Center



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 Tuesday, July 14, 2015 12:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2015**
3. **Chair's Report** (Summary of other Committee Activities to be prepared by MBNEP)
4. **Old Business**
  - A. **Progress Reports/Updates on Watershed Management Planning.**
    - 1) Bayou La Batre - Chris Warn (Dewberry)
    - 2) Bon Secour River – Leslie Gahagan (City of Foley)
    - 3) Dog River – Christian Miller (MBNEP/CACWP/AUMERC)
    - 4) Fowl River – Christian Miller (MBNEP/CACWP/AUMERC)
  - B. **Progress Reports/Updates on Watershed Plan Implementation.**
    - 1) D'Olive Watershed – Ashley Campbell (City of Daphne)
    - 2) Fowl River – Tom Herder (MBNEP)
    - 3) Three Mile Creek
      - a. Toulmins Spring Branch – Tom Herder (MBNEP)
      - b. TSB Engagement on Community Resiliency – Amy Newbold (MBNEP)
      - c. Stormwater Park – Judy Haner (The Nature Conservancy)
5. **New Business**
  - A. Environmental Compliance Working Group – Patric Harper (USF&WS)
  - B. Watershed Planning- What's on deck? Roberta Swann (MBNEP)
  - C. Other
7. **Adjourn**

### Summary of MBNEP Management Conference Committee Activities

#### **Community Action Committee**

- MBNEP will create a five to seven minute video or presentation for CAC members to use as a tool for explaining watershed planning process and the importance of community involvement.
- The Business Resources Committee is developing a Create a Clean Water Future Campaign focused on truck bed litter and packaging debris.
- The CAC will focus upcoming efforts on defining their role in the CCWF Campaign and undertaking three achievable activities prior to the end of the year.

#### **Business Resources Committee**

- Lewis Communications completed market analysis for CCWF campaign and presented findings and recommendations.
- Keep America Beautiful highway litter facts & behavior study was presented to BRC.
- Based upon Lewis analysis, a subcommittee was created to develop a market strategy to reach specific segments of the local business community.

#### **Science Advisory Committee**

- Continued conversation about potential stressor indicators and soil survey.
- Voting member commitment form was distributed.
- Agreement was reached on scope and timing of SAV mapping.
- Working groups was developed to generated RFP for high-res habitat mapping.

### Summary of MBNEP Management Conference Committee Activities (cont.)

#### **Government Networks Committee**

- Additional NRDA projects are available for comment through 06.19. A draft list of the Federal RESTORE Council's priority project will be available for comment through the end of August.
- Preliminary findings of the EPA Program Evaluation indicate that MBNEP has shown sound leadership in "marrying" the CCMP update process to the watershed approach, has grown tremendously in its capacity to apply and manage available funding to implement the CCMP and WMPs, and appears poised to continue and enhance estuarine protection and management. Recommend "Pass" grade.
- NFWF/RESTORE Council understands the importance of watershed planning and upstream influences on coastal habitats. Demonstrated success and willingness of partners to work together in the D'Olive Watershed has been instrumental to acquiring funding for implementation.
- Although local power is very limited at the State level, recent legislation sponsored by Rep. Randy Davis may allow for some creative solutions to addressing environmental issues.

**4. Old Business:****A. Progress Reports on Watershed Management Planning**

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- 2) **Bon Secour River** – Leslie Gahagan, City of Foley
- 3) **Dog River** – Christian Miller, MBNEP/CACWP/AUMERC
- 4) **Fowl River** – Christian Miller, MBNEP/CACWP/AUMERC

**4. Old Business:****B. Progress Reports/Updates on Watershed Plan Implementation**

- 1) **D'Olive Watershed Restoration** – Ashley Campbell, City of Daphne
- 2) **Fowl River Restoration** – Tom Herder, MBNEP
- 3) **Three Mile Creek**
  - a. **Toulmin Springs Branch** – Tom Herder, MBNEP (for Latif Kalin, Auburn)
  - b. **TSB Engagement on Community Resiliency** – Roberta Swann, MBNEP
  - c. **Stormwater Park** – Judy Haner – The Nature Conservancy

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